(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up electronic telephone exchanges at Dindori, Surgana, Peth, Kalwan, Igatpur and Chandwad in Nasik district of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir except Surgana and Peth.

(b) The details are as under:-

(i) Electronic Exchanges at Dindori, Kalwan, Chandwad and Igatpuri are planned during 1991-92.

(ii) Existing telephone exchanges at Surgana and Peth do not qualify for replacement by Electronic Exchanges at present as per Department Policy.

Visit of Deputy Prime Minister of Egypt

5750. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Prime Minster of Egypt visited India recently; and

(b) if so, the outcome of his talks with Indian leaders?

THE MINISTER F STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was a general exchange of views on bilateral and international issues. The forthcoming election of the secretary-General of the United Nations also figured in the talks. The talks have led to a further strengthening of friendship between the two countries, and mutual understanding on international issues.

Persons killed in bomb blasts in Jammu

5751. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in the bomb blast in Jammu recently;

(b) whether any compensation has been given to the next of kins of the victims;

(c) whether any person has been arrested;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to check such occurrence ?

THE MINISTER F STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) 11 persons were killed in bomb blasts in Jammu recently.

Ex-gratia compensation of Rs. 1 lakh each has been paid to the next of kin of the victims.

(c) and (d) Details are awaited from the Government of J.K.

(e) Vigil in Jammu region has been intensified.

Demand For Bodoland

5752. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether All Bodo Students Union and Bodo People Action Committee in Assam have revived the demand for Bodoland; and